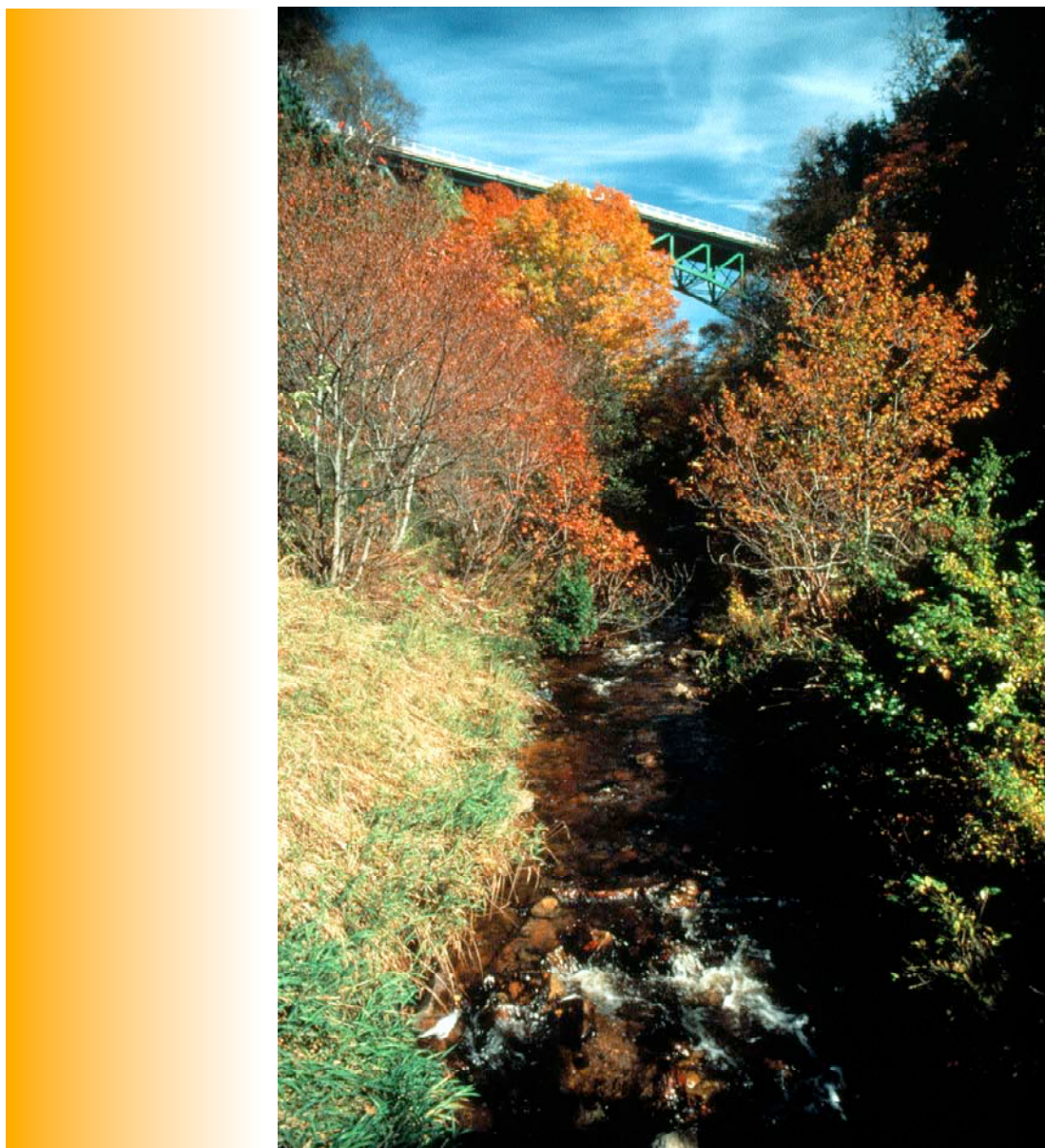


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News from Nancy

State Librarian Nancy R. Robertson

It happens every year and I'm going to say it, again: I can hardly believe that we are already transitioning from summer to fall and into a new school year! It's good to note, however, that the passage of time has been fruitful for Michigan's school library community.

The School Library Initiative Group has, over the last few years, worked to develop benchmarks for what constitutes a successful school library media center and to create a powerful marketing piece. While the benchmarks have been revised, they will need further adjustments to align with new national guidelines. Also under consideration is the development of a certification program. However, I'm excited to share with you that the promotional video is now ready for prime time!

Thanks to the work of the committee charged with its creation and to the contribution of producer Mike Maison at the St. Clair County RESA, you can view the 7+-minute video – titled “21st Century Media Center” – at: <http://www.mdvideoprod.com/mcvt.htm>. This compelling video can be widely used to promote the essential nature of school library media centers and their qualified staff for the success of Michigan's students.

Additionally, members of the Michigan Association for Media in Education are creating a toolkit that can be used in conjunction with the video. Together, these two powerful resources will provide our school library media center colleagues and their supporters with an excellent conversation starter and just the right punctuation mark – to convincingly drive home the point that we, as a state, must do all we can to move Michigan's school library media centers into the future. We need well-funded, professionally staffed and fully utilized library media programs to enhance curriculum development and provide meaningful resources to our 21st century learners.

It's a conversation we must have over and over again – with statewide educational associations, institutions, parents, teachers, government officials and anyone who cares about the educational success of our kids.

We are excited to embark upon this important public awareness initiative just as Michigan's K-12 teachers, including library media center specialists, get back into the classroom.

Best wishes for a productive, inspiring start to the school year, everyone!



LM News

Nominate a Library for State Librarian's Excellence Award!

By Nancy Robertson, state librarian

Nominations for the 2008 State Librarian's Excellence Award are being accepted through Sept. 5. The nomination form is online at http://www.michigan.gov/hal/0,1607,7-160-17445_19270_19410-196138--,00.html.

As always, the focus is on excellent customer service and innovative library service. Each year we have a tough time selecting just one award winner and two recipients of citations of excellence, but we are always aware that there are more libraries that could have been nominated for consideration. Let's make this year's pool of nominations bigger and better than ever before.

Share this opportunity with your patrons, your community partners, your trustees — with whomever you think would like to sing your praises and support your nomination as this year's State Librarian's Excellence Award winner. The nomination form is not complicated to complete, so there is no reason to miss out on being considered.

Thanks to the Library of Michigan Foundation and the corporate sponsors of this award, Hantz Group and new co-sponsor EBSCO. The award will be announced and presented on Oct. 23 at the State Librarian's Luncheon at the Michigan Library Association annual conference in Kalamazoo.

What Do You Think? Send Us Your Comments and Ideas!

Thank you for reading *LM4X*. This newsletter is a place for the Library of Michigan to let the Michigan library community and supporters know about its latest news, upcoming events, continuing education opportunities, new collections, tips and tools for using MeL, library law issues and more.

We'd like to hear from you. Is there information you'd like to see included here that isn't? What do you think about the format? How can the Library of Michigan best meet your needs through *LM4X*? Please send feedback to *LM4X* editor Gloriane Peck at peckg@michigan.gov.

Michigan Reads! One State, One Children's Book Program Kicks Off for 2008

By Jolee Hamlin, youth services contractor

The Library of Michigan is proud to sponsor the fourth year of the Michigan Reads! One State, One Children's Book program, which this year features *Raccoon Tune* by Ann Arbor resident Nancy Shaw. As part of Michigan Reads!, Shaw will visit libraries throughout Michigan in September.



Programs geared toward both grades K-2 and preschoolers will be available. The author visit schedule is:

• Willard Public Library	Battle Creek	Sept. 11
• Grace A. Dow Memorial Library	Midland	Sept. 15
• Novi Public Library	Novi	Sept. 18
• Muskegon Area District Library	Muskegon	Sept. 22
• Benton Harbor Public Library	Benton Harbor	Sept. 23
• St. Clair County Library	Port Huron	Sept. 25
• Bay Mills Community College and Indian Community Library	Bay Mills	Sept. 29
• Otsego County Library	Gaylord	Sept. 30

In August, the Library of Michigan mailed Michigan Reads! program kits to more than 4,300 outlets, including every Michigan public library and its branches, public school buildings serving grades K-2, Head Start agencies, tribal libraries and Michigan School Readiness Programs. The kits contained hardcover copies of *Raccoon Tune*, bookmarks, stickers, a poster, and a programming and resource guide. The programming and resource guide was created especially for the 2008 Michigan Reads! program. The guide highlights early childhood literacy research findings and offers programming ideas specific to *Raccoon Tune*.

Michigan Reads! is generously sponsored by Target. The Target Book Festival kicked off the 2008 Michigan Reads! program Aug. 23 at Kensington Metropark. Michigan Reads! highlights the importance of early childhood literacy by focusing on a picture book written by a Michigan author.

For more information about Michigan Reads!, please contact Jolee Hamlin at (517) 335-3077 or hamlinj@michigan.gov.

Library Distributes \$2.1 Million for Technology through PAC HUG

By Karren Reish, LSTA coordinator

The Public Access Computing Hardware Upgrade Grant (PAC HUG) from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Global Libraries program is now complete. The Library of Michigan administered two rounds of funding to public libraries, for a total of more than \$2.1 million dollars.



The Gates Foundation announced its PAC HUG program in September 2005. In the first year (2006) the Library of Michigan administered round one, distributing \$1,221,792 to 420 libraries, which allowed the purchase or upgrade of 1,344 computers. In the second round of PAC HUG grants (2007-2008), the Library of Michigan distributed \$877,169, in amounts ranging from \$1,000 to \$29,250, which allowed the purchase of 761 computers and additional eligible expenditures. These grants were geared to level the technological playing field for roughly 200 libraries in disadvantaged communities by providing opportunities to replace public-access computers to meet the needs of the communities that the libraries serve.

The Library of Michigan Foundation served as the fiscal agent for the Gates Foundation funding. It also played a key role by investing the funds and earning \$88,500 in interest. The Library of Michigan used those extra dollars to increase the number of grants to libraries, securing the purchase of about 80 more computers.

State Librarian Nancy Robertson noted that the second round of grants was especially helpful to Michigan residents because they were specifically targeted to libraries serving communities with high needs and high demands for public-access computing services, and were distributed in priority fashion to areas with the highest combined poverty and unemployment rates, as determined by the 2000 census.

"Go into any Michigan library and you'll see the public-access computers are in use from the time the library opens until it closes," Robertson said. "In order to learn, do business, train for employment, find job openings, or just stay connected to family and friends, the Internet is a vital tool. With the recent economic challenges Michigan has faced, libraries have become increasingly critical to helping citizens move their lives forward by keeping that technological bridge intact for everyone."

In Memoriam

George Kost, a 20-year volunteer for the Library of Michigan's Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, passed away May 29 in Lansing. The Grand Ledge resident was a member of the Pioneers, a service group of retired telephone company employees who repair the playback equipment used by SBPH patrons. Our thoughts and prayers, and many thanks for his dedication, are with his family.

Program Marks Dedication of Idlewild Literary Landmark

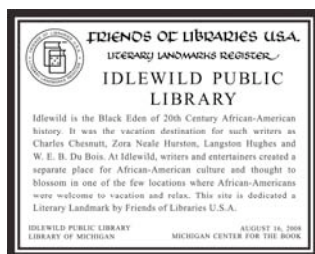
By Karren Reish, Michigan Center for the Book coordinator

On Aug. 16, the Library of Michigan, the Michigan Center for the Book, Broadside Press and the Idlewild Public Library dedicated a literary landmark for the Idlewild Historic Cultural Center. The landmark is in honor of novelist Charles Waddell Chesnutt, poet Langston Hughes, novelist Zora Neale Hurston and scholar-activist W.E.B. Du Bois. Each of these luminaries of American literature spent time vacationing in Idlewild.

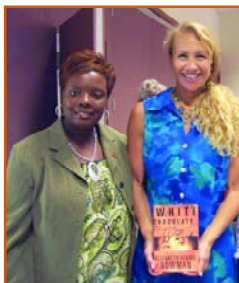
The afternoon program included best-selling author Elizabeth Atkins as keynote speaker. Atkins spoke movingly about the role of the authors in African-American literature and Idlewild. The event also included performances of the authors' works. The W.E.B. Du Bois, Langston Hughes, Zora Neale Hurston and Charles Waddell Chesnutt readings and performances featured Aurora Harris, Gloria House, Millard Porter, Ivy Riley, William Reed and Chris Rutherford..

State Librarian Nancy Robertson and Susan Dooley, director of the Idlewild Public Library, unveiled the literary landmark plaque at the end of the performances.

Idlewild was the foremost African-American summer resort in the United States during the first half of the 20th century. From the 1910s to the 1960s, Idlewild was a "Black Eden" for African-Americans, who could relax without harassment during the nation's segregated era. Musicians and entertainers flocked to the "Apollo of Michigan," where appearances in one of the community's nine clubs began the careers of many celebrities. Performers included Lena Horne, Bill Cosby, Louis Armstrong, Duke



The text of the Literary Landmark honoring Idlewild for its legacy.



Coffiann Hawthorne, policy advisor for the Office of Governor Jennifer Granholm (left) and Elizabeth Atkins, best-selling author and journalist with family ties to Idlewild.



Idlewild Public Library Director Susan Dooley (left) and State Librarian Nancy Robertson.



W.E.B. Du Bois

Ellington, Aretha Franklin, Sammy Davis Jr., B.B. King, Stevie Wonder and Count Basie, among many others.

Today, Idlewild is a designated national historic site. As the era of segregation faded, so did the popularity of Idlewild. However it remains an important part of African-American and Michigan history. Through the services of the Idlewild Public Library, visitors and Idlewild residents can research the town's history and experience the words and works of literary Idlewilders.

Read more from the authors and about Idlewild

The Marrow of Tradition and The Conjure Woman
– by Charles Waddell Chesnutt

The Souls of Black Folk
– by W.E.B. Du Bois

The Best of Simple and Collected Poems
– by Langston Hughes

Mules and Men and Their Eyes Were Watching God
– by Zora Neale Hurston

Idlewild: The Black Eden of Michigan
– by Ronald J. Stephens

Black Eden: The Idlewild Community
– by Lewis Walker and Ben C. Wilson

Blue as the Lake: A Personal Geography
– by Robert B. Stepto

Abrams Genealogy Seminar a Success

By Kris Rzepczynski, Michigan/genealogy coordinator

Held July 25-26 at the Library of Michigan and drawing more than 160 attendees, the 2008 Abrams Genealogy Seminar, "Piecing Together Our Past," brought together family history researchers and librarians from communities all across Michigan. The Library is thrilled with the seminar's turnout, which represented an increase from last year's attendance.

The Library partnered with the Ingham County Genealogical Society in bringing the seminar's keynote speaker, Dr. George Schweitzer, to Lansing. Among the high points of the seminar, Dr. Schweitzer appeared in period costume for his two programs, "Tracing Ancestors Back Across the Atlantic" and "Civil War Genealogy."

Known for dressing in period costume, Dr. George Schweitzer dressed as a European immigrant (top) during his presentation "Tracing Ancestors Across the Atlantic." For his presentation on Civil War research, Schweitzer began his presentation as a Confederate, but after a costume change, finished up as a member of the Union army.



One continuing popular feature of the Abrams Genealogy Seminar was the program track featuring Michigan libraries and archives with significant genealogical and historical collections. Librarians and archivists from the Archives of Michigan, Detroit Public Library, Library of Michigan, Loutit District Library in Grand Haven and Public Libraries of Saginaw each offered insight toward accessing and better utilizing their respective collections.

Thank you again to everyone who helped make this event so special.

Library of Michigan Honors Genealogist with Appreciation Award

The Library of Michigan recognized Shirley Hodges with the 2008 Library of Michigan Genealogy Appreciation Award in a ceremony July 26 at the Library.

Shirley, who lives in the Albion area, has done genealogical research since 1967. She has taught family history classes and seminars across the United States and Canada since 1994, and she has served as a guest lecturer for several college-level programs since the mid-1990s.

Although she has focused much of her research on tracing female ancestors, her expertise covers a wide range of genealogical topics aimed at both the novice and advanced genealogical researcher.

Shirley serves as president of the Genealogical Speakers Guild. She is a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists, National Genealogical Society, and numerous state and local societies.

"Shirley has been a great advocate of the Library of Michigan," Special Collections Manager Randy Riley said. "When speaking to out-of-state audiences or at national conferences, Shirley often functions as an ambassador of the Library. She praises the staff and the collections, and actively encourages researchers to visit Lansing to take advantage of the Library's collection."

Shirley has long viewed the Library of Michigan as her "home" collection. In the past she has readily volunteered her time to assist the Library by providing presentations or helping to promote various events. Besides being a well-respected researcher, she is an outspoken supporter of Michigan's genealogical community and the Library of



Shirley Hodges (left), recipient of the 2008 Library of Michigan Genealogy Appreciation Award, and Special Collections Manager Randy Riley at the 2008 Abrams Genealogy Seminar.

Above, family history researchers at the seminar.

Michigan's Abrams Foundation Historical Collection.

The Library of Michigan and the Library of Michigan Foundation annually sponsor the Genealogy Appreciation Award as a way to recognize and thank the Michigan genealogical community. Past recipients are Dr. Joseph Druse, Ruth Lewis, Barbara Brown, J. William "Bill" Gorski, Peggy Sawyer Williams and John Castle.

For more information about the Library's genealogical collection, visit <http://www.michigan.gov/familyhistory> or call (517) 373-1300.

New Items at LM Highlight Virginia Genealogy Research

By Charles Hagler, reference librarian

To see what's new at the Library of Michigan, go to ANSWER, the Library's online catalog, at <http://www.answercat.org> and click the button "Check for New Books." A few of the Library's newly acquired items focus on Virginia genealogical resources.

Pippenger, Wesley E. *Index to Virginia Estates, 1800-1865*.

Vol. 1-8. Richmond: Virginia Genealogical Society, 2001-2006.

Genealogy F 225 .P58 2001

Index of all Virginia estate-related records found in will books and other collections, typically on microfilm. This multiple-volume set will be completed geographically.

Virginia Slave Births Index, 1853-1865. 5 vols. Alexandria Library, Local History/Special Collections; Leslie Anderson Morales, editor; Ada Valaitis, assistant editor. Westminster, MD: Heritage Books, 2007.

Genealogy E 445 .V8 V57 2007

Transcribed and extracted from the *Birth Index of Slaves, 1853-1865*, a project undertaken by the Works Project Administration, currently available on microfilm in the Alexandria Library's Local History/Special Collections section.

Index to the Draper Manuscripts. Series NN, The Pittsburgh and Northwest Virginia Papers. Indexed by Karen Mauer Green. Cooperstown, N.Y.: Frontier Press, 2003.

Genealogy Z 6616 .D72 G74 2003x

This index is part of the Lyman C. Draper Manuscript Collection, which the Library of Michigan has in its microfilm collection. It deals with parts of Virginia and Pennsylvania. The Draper Collection includes letters, miscellaneous legal documents, transcripts of interviews, family and personal records, land deeds, muster rolls, military discharges and business records collected by Draper. The collection reflects Draper's interest in the "trans-Allegheny West," from the period of frontier conflicts in the 1740s and 1750s to the American Revolution and the War of 1812. These include the western Carolinas and Virginia, portions of Georgia and Alabama, the Ohio River Valley and the upper Mississippi Valley.

Librarian Joins Library of Michigan's Law Library

By *Gloriane Peck, special collections librarian*

The Library of Michigan is pleased to welcome Kim Koscielniak to its Law Library. Kim came to the Library in June from a law firm in Metro Detroit, where she served as a member of the firm's ethics committee and did legal reference.

Kim's primary duties at the Library of Michigan are reference and collection development.

"This is very different from what I had done," she said. "I like using my specialty, but I have all the benefits of a public library: the diverse population, wide-ranging reference questions."

In her most recent post, Kim dealt primarily with questions relating to commercial law and legal ethics. So far at the Library of Michigan, Kim has helped patrons find resources related to corporate law, landlord/tenant questions, criminal law and more.

"I'm learning a lot," she said, adding that this variety is what many students imagine when they are attending law school. "It's nice to come back to the reason you went to law school to begin with."

Kim holds a library degree from the University of Michigan and a law degree from Wayne State University. She also has worked as a pre-hearing attorney, a children's librarian, a teacher/librarian in an international school in Kobe, Japan, and as a historical interpreter and Model T driver at Greenfield Village in Dearborn. She has a son, 4, who loves t-ball, Lightning McQueen and camping (especially the s'mores).

Planning for the 2010 Census Under Way

By *Elisia Johnson, state census data coordinator*

The countdown to the 2010 Census has begun, and the U.S. Census Bureau is looking to national, tribal, state and local officials and community leaders to ensure an accurate count. With Census Day — April 1, 2010 — less than two years away, the Census Bureau already has launched a critical national effort that affects the apportionment of congressional seats and how the federal government annually allocates \$300 billion in assistance to state, local and tribal governments.



The 2010 Census will have one of the shortest census questionnaires in the history of the United States, dating back to the nation's first census in 1790. It will ask for name, gender, age, race/ethnicity, relationship and whether the householder owns or rents the home. The census form will take only about 10 minutes on average to complete, and answers are protected by law and strictly confidential.



More than 11,000 state, local and tribal governments have registered for the Local Update of Census Addresses (LUCA) program to update the Census Bureau's address information for their communities.

Communities also can begin planning for complete count committees — teams of local government, business and community leaders who are appointed to a statewide committee by the governor or to a local committee by a community's highest elected official. Members of the committees work to make sure their communities are counted.

Preparing early for the 2010 Census is a great way for local leaders to learn the makeup of their communities and what the communities need from local government. Reasons for residents to be aware of the upcoming census and the need to participate are:

- The federal government uses census numbers to allocate more than \$300 billion in federal funds annually for community programs and services, such as education, housing and community development, health care services for senior citizens, job training and more.
- State, local and tribal governments use census information for planning and allocating funds for new school construction, libraries and other public buildings, highway safety and public transportation systems, new roads and bridges, location of police and fire departments, and many other projects.
- Community organizations use census information to develop social service programs, community action projects, senior lunch programs and child-care centers.
- The numbers help businesses identify where to locate factories, shopping centers, movie theaters, banks and offices — activities that often lead to new jobs.
- The census totals are used to determine how many seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives. In addition, states use the numbers to allocate seats in their state legislatures.

On the Web

More information about the 2010 Census:
<http://www.michigan.gov/census>.

Renowned Baseball Writer Tom Stanton Wins 2008 Michigan Author Award

The Michigan Center for the Book recently announced Tom Stanton, author of award-winning books on baseball and American life, as the winner of the 2008 Michigan Author Award. Sponsored jointly by the Michigan Center for the Book, a program of the Library of Michigan, and the Michigan Library Association, this annual award honors a Michigan writer for his or her contributions to literature based on an outstanding published body of work.

The Michigan Author Award will be presented this fall at the Michigan Library Association annual conference in Kalamazoo. Tickets (\$25) are available to hear Stanton speak at the award presentation luncheon on Oct. 24. For more information, visit the Michigan Library Association Web site at <http://www.mla.lib.mi.us/events/annual> and access the conference registration.

Stanton writes about the memorable players and places of baseball, but most of all, how baseball is part of American life. His newest book is *Ty and the Babe: Baseball's Fiercest Rivals*, the story of Babe Ruth and Ty Cobb's rivalry and friendship. *The Final Season*, a memoir of the last year of Tiger Stadium, was named Baseball Book of the Year as the winner of both the Casey and Dave Moore awards. In *The Road to Cooperstown*, Stanton fulfills the dream of a family trip to the Baseball Hall of Fame. *Hank Aaron and the Home Run That Changed America* tells the compelling story of one of sports' most historic moments.

"Tom Stanton's books have earned national acclaim and reveal the tender place that baseball holds in the heart of America," said Karren Reish, Michigan Center for the Book coordinator. "In paying tribute to this gifted author, we are also able to spotlight a talented writer who proudly calls Michigan home."

Stanton, a lifelong baseball fan, is a resident of New Baltimore. He has been a journalist in southeast Michigan for 30 years and has won state and national press awards, including a Knight-Wallace Fellowship at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

To learn more about the Michigan Author Award, visit <http://www.mla.lib.mi.us/maac>.

Previous winners of the Michigan Author Award include Sarah Stewart (2007), Steve Hamilton (2006), Christopher Paul Curtis (2005), Patricia Polacco (2004), Diane Wakoski (2003), Nicholas Delbanco (2002), Thomas Lynch (2001), Janie Lynn Panagopoulos (2000), Jerry Dennis (1999), Gloria Whelan (1998), Loren Estleman (1997), Elmore Leonard (1996), Janet Kauffman (1995), Nancy Willard (1994), Charles Baxter (1993) and Dan Gerber (1992).

The Michigan Center for the Book, a program of the Library of Michigan and the center's affiliates, aims to promote an awareness of books, reading, literacy, authors and Michigan's rich literary heritage. New affiliates are welcome. For more information about the Michigan Center for the Book and its programs, visit <http://www.michigan.gov/mcgb>.

Library of Michigan Foundation

Catch the College Savings Bug!

By Judith K. Moore, CFRE, executive director of the Library of Michigan Foundation



The Library of Michigan Foundation continues to seek opportunities that highlight libraries as critical components of learning and building quality of life in Michigan. We are always looking for new partnerships to promote libraries across the state and to help children and families learn and succeed.

This summer we introduced a new partner program. We partnered with the Michigan Education Savings Program (MESP) and the Michigan Education Trust (MET) in a special summer promotion for parents and libraries across Michigan. This effort was a companion to "Catch the Reading Bug," the theme for this year's annual summer reading program. The "Catch the College Savings Bug" promotion gave parents a chance to win \$5,000 toward their child's future college education, and also helped families become aware of the need for and opportunities to start saving for college today. The program was a success, with 5,043 entries submitted by parents across the state. The drawing to select the grand-prize winners will be held in September. As an added bonus, following the drawing, two participating libraries will win \$1,500 in cash toward future summer reading programs. If a parent from a given library wins, that library wins!

It was the beginning of a great partnership that successfully promotes libraries and helps families to flourish. We now look forward to announcing the second annual Library of Michigan Foundation college-savings promotion for next year's summer reading program. Michigan's future depends on more citizens getting a college education, and libraries can show their support for continuing education by making sure their patrons are informed.

Help the Library of Michigan Foundation make this and other programs possible by making a gift to the annual fund. With your support, the Foundation is able to provide funding to enhance the Library of Michigan's special collections and services, and support important lifelong learning, literary and cultural activities around the state.

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Principally Preservation

LM Collections Conservator Attends National Conservation Forum

Americans increasingly use the Internet to connect to museum and library resources, but the majority of collecting institutions do not yet have a plan for preserving their digital collections, according to the federal Institute of Museum and Library Services.

To learn more about preserving digital content, Kevin Driedger, Library of Michigan collections conservator, and 200 other museum and library representatives in June attended an IMLS-sponsored meeting, "Collaboration in the Digital Age," in Denver.

Driedger, selected to participate based on his outstanding leadership skills, was one of 50 participants whose travel expenses were underwritten by IMLS and the Samuel Kress Foundation.

The forum covered the fundamentals of digital content creation and preservation, emphasizing practical approaches to planning digital projects, increasing access to collections and enabling digital resources to serve multiple purposes.

Encapsulation Preserves Single-Page Documents

By Kevin Driedger, cataloger and collection conservator

Most libraries have maps, posters, flyers and other ephemera in their collections. These items are often oversized, or fragile, and need some type of protection for storage and use. Boxes provide good protection for bound volumes but not for single-sheet or very thin items.



In the past, many libraries had a practice of laminating documents. Laminating involves permanently adhering a document between two sheets of clear plastic. However, because of the high temperature needed and the adhesive involved, lamination is damaging and irreversible. Once a document is laminated, it cannot be undone without great expense.

The appropriate alternative to laminating is encapsulation. Encapsulation involves placing the document between two sheets of clear, inert polyester or polypropylene. This material is frequently referred to by the brand name Mylar®, or more recently, Melinex®. The two sheets are sealed on all or some sides with double-sided tape, a heat welder or an ultrasonic welder. Pre-made polyester sleeves or envelopes that have been sealed on two or three sides can be purchased from library supply vendors.

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On the Web

Videos of conference presentations are available on the Connecting to Collections site, <http://www.ims.gov/collections/index.htm>.

The advantages of encapsulating include: no adhesive is applied to the document; the polyester provides a great deal of structural support; the document can be handled and viewed without causing further damage; and, if needed, the document can be removed easily. It also allows labeling to be applied to the polyester, rather than the document itself. Encapsulation creates a static charge and should not be used on any document with fragile media like charcoal or pastels.

A problem posed by encapsulation, like lamination, is that if the encapsulated document is acidic, the closed environment may increase the rate of degradation. Because of this, before a document is encapsulated, it should be tested for acidity and, if needed, deacidified. If the document is single-sided, it may be encapsulated together with a sheet of paper like MicroChamber®. This paper contains a molecular sieve that absorbs the available acids.

Get Smart

Summer Reading 2009 Workshops Set for December, Early 2009

By Jolee Hamlin, youth services contractor

It is never too early to ramp up for summer reading! Working in conjunction with the Library of Michigan, the Michigan Library Association is planning workshops for the 2009 Collaborative Summer Library Program. Workshops will be held Dec. 5 at the Livingston Educational Service Agency in Howell and in early 2009 at a to-be-determined location in northern Michigan. Watch MLA's Web site, <http://www.mla.lib.mi.us>, for more information, including registration forms.

The 2009 Summer Reading Program theme is Arts and Music, with a children's slogan of Be Creative @ Your Library and a teen slogan of Express Yourself @ Your Library.

An evaluation tool for this year's programs, Catch the Reading Bug and Metamorphosis, will be available in late September.

Questions? Please contact Jolee Hamlin at (517) 335-3077 or hamlinj@michigan.gov.

Call for Programs for Rural Libraries Conference

There is still time to submit a program proposal for the 2009 Rural Libraries Conference. The deadline for conference program proposals has been extended to Sept. 12.

The Loleta Fyan Small and Rural Libraries Conference 2009 will be held April 29-May 1 at Grand Traverse Resort. The theme of the conference is Small Libraries, BIG Service! This conference, which happens every other year, attracts 300 to 400 participants.

The Library already has received many good proposals but could use even more, especially in the areas of service to children, teens and older adults (aging baby boomers), technology and trustee development.

Program submissions should fit the theme Small Libraries, BIG Service! and the following program tracks: library administration (including trustees), celebrating Michigan, literature/readers advisory/collection development, programming and marketing, and technology.

Access the call for programs and the program proposal form at http://www.michigan.gov/hal/0,1607,7-160-17451_18668_41245-142226--,00.html. Please note that the due date for proposals will not be changed on the forms, but proposals will be accepted through Sept. 12. Those submitting proposals will be notified of the status by Sept. 22.

For more information about RLC, which is supported by the Library of Michigan Foundation's Loleta Fyan Fund, please visit the conference Web site at <http://rlc2009.ning.com/>.

Need More CEUs?

By Karren Reish, LSTA coordinator

The Library of Michigan provides CEU pre-approval for classes or workshops that do not offer CEUs. The class or workshop must be appropriate for work in a library, and the person attending must submit a pre-approval form 30 days in advance. The Continuing Education Contact Hour Pre-Approval Form for Library Staff is available at <http://www.michigan.gov/ldds> in the Certification and Continuing Education section.

Appropriate classes or workshops can include classes taken at a local community college, such as children's literature or accounting, as well as workshops offered by local intermediate school districts or historical societies. When submitting the form, be sure to include an agenda and a description of the class. These classes must be pre-approved so that you can arrange appropriate proof of attendance, which cannot be done after the event.

MeL – The Library Made with Me in Mind

MeL to Unveil Homepage Redesign

By Sonya Schryer Norris, Web site administrator librarian

The Michigan eLibrary (<http://mel.org>) homepage is being redesigned to provide a more attractive interface, while still delivering all of MeL's great components.

The release is scheduled for the week after Labor Day.

Rather than columns, MeL will have an image surrounded by a half moon with MeL's biggest offerings: MeL Databases, MeLCat, MeL Michigana, MeL Featured Resources (including the Gateways discussed below by MeL Coordinator Deb Biggs Thomas) and MORE: Michigan's Online Resources for Educators.

Visit <http://mel.org> to check out the new look the week after Labor Day.

MeL to Debut 'Gateways'

By Deb Biggs Thomas, MeL coordinator

One of the new features on MeL's spacious new homepage is a "gateway" approach to the eLibrary's subject content. Gone are the pathfinders. Instead we've opted for gateways that will initially include MeL databases, MeLCat and featured Web sites, as well as other Web-based resources such as focused statistics and data relative to the subject where applicable.

Our Business and Careers Gateway is an example of what the subject content will become. In it you will find the gateway's content, followed by select and relevant databases and MeLCat information, including suggested searches. On the left navigation, the categories for featured Web sites are listed. This gateway includes Web sites for business, economics and labor, plus jobs and careers. Each gateway will have its own color bar (Business and Careers is gold), which will help to further distinguish it.

The new MeL Gateways are a work-in-progress; we look forward to building all of them into a robust and well-balanced feature on MeL, online at <http://mel.org>.



MeLCat Named Regional Finalist for 2008 Innovations Award

The Council of State Governments selected MeLCat as a regional finalist for its 2008 Innovations Awards.

MeLCat was one of 10 finalists in the Midwestern region; there were 32 submissions for the Midwestern region and 133 in all from four regions in the nation. At its July 13-16

Midwestern Legislative Conference annual meeting in Rapid City, S.D., the council invited the finalists

to make a brief presentation to the selection committee. Sheryl Mase, the Library's director of Statewide Services, traveled to Rapid City to host a booth with information about MeLCat and to make the presentation to the selection committee.

"The MeLCat system enables users to search a statewide shared catalog and immediately place a request for the delivery of material to their home library within a few days," Mase said. "MeLCat significantly expands access to resources and helps to extend core library service across the state. We were pleased to see MeLCat recognized at the national level."

Two award-winning programs are selected from each region. Although MeLCat was not one of the two winners for the Midwestern region, the selection as a finalist was a great recognition for this statewide program. Information about the 2008 winners is online at <http://www.csg.org/programs/innov/default.aspx>.



MeL by the Numbers

As of July 31, 2008:

- Total libraries are participating in MeLCat: 276
- Academic: 45
- Public: 210
- K-12: 17
- Special and tribal: 4
- Items available in MeLCat: 30.2 million (7.97 million bibliographic records)
- Average weekly MeLCat requests: 12,350
- So far in 2008, MeLCat has had 370,494 requests, with a fulfillment rate of 89.2 percent



QSAC: Quality Counts

New QSAC Libraries and Events

By Karren Reish, LSTA coordinator

Congratulations to the nine newly certified libraries!

New Essential Level Libraries

- Mackinaw Area Public Library, director Sarah Allaire – March
- Surrey Township Public Library, director Jean Gaskill – April
- West Branch District Library, director Teresa Barnhart – April
- Curtis Township Library, director Moira Maus – May
- Peninsula Community Library, director Victoria Shurly – June

New Enhanced Level Libraries

- Homer Public Library, director Sandra VanWert – April
- Surrey Township Public Library, director Jean Gaskill – April
- Bacon Memorial District Library, director Janet Cashin – May
- Hesperia Community Library, director Elizabeth Nordin – June

Please stop by the QSAC panel discussion Oct. 22 at the Michigan Library Association annual conference in Kalamazoo. The session is “Advocate for Your Library! How to Use Evaluation and Quality Standards to Manage Your Programs and Influence Your Funders.” We hope to see you there!

Current QSAC Certification Statistics

	Libraries	Cooperatives
Essential:	144	6
Enhanced:	28	4
Excellent:	3	2

Upcoming QSAC Workshops

The new 2008-09 quarterly QSAC workshop schedule will be announced soon at <http://www.michigan.gov/ldds>. The schedule will include three Essential Level workshops and one Enhanced and Excellent Level workshop.

Legal-Ease

A Sex Offender Is in the Library, What Should We Do?



By Lance M. Werner, library law specialist

Recently, I saw some comments on michlib-l about sex offenders in public libraries. Occasionally I receive a question from a library about how to deal with sex offenders who are library patrons. Based on all of this, I felt it would be useful to provide some information to my colleagues in the field.

The Michigan Sex Offenders Registration Act, 1994 PA 295, MCL 28.721 to 28.736, authorizes the Michigan Department of State Police to post the names, addresses and conviction information of convicted sex offenders on the Internet. Convicted sex offenders are listed on the Public Sex Offender Registry (PSOR) at <http://www.mipsor.state.mi.us>. The FAQ page, http://www.mipsor.state.mi.us/PSOR_FAQ.aspx, explains that persons convicted of the following offenses are required to register in Michigan:

- Accosting, Enticing or Soliciting a Child for Immoral Purposes (MCL 750.145a)
- Accosting, Enticing or Soliciting a Child for Immoral Purposes (prior conviction) (MCL 750.145b)
- Child Sexually Abusive Activity or Material (MCL 750.145c)
- Crime Against Nature or Sodomy, if the victim is less than 18 years of age (MCL 750.158)
- Indecent Exposure While Engaging in a Lewd/Lascivious Act (MCL 750.335a(2)(b)), if previously convicted of violation of MCL 750.335a.
- Three convictions of any combination of:
 - o Disorderly Person (MCL 750.167(1)(f))
 - o Indecent Exposure (MCL 750.335a(2)(a))
- Gross Indecency Between Male Persons, if the victim is less than 18 years of age and the offender is not adjudicated as a juvenile (MCL 750.338)
- Gross Indecency Between Female Persons, if the victim is less than 18 years of age and the offender is not adjudicated as a juvenile (MCL 750.338a)
- Gross Indecency Between Male and Female Persons, if the victim is less than 18 years of age and the offender is not adjudicated as a juvenile (MCL 750.338b)
- Kidnapping, if the victim is less than 18 years of age (MCL 750.349)

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- Leading, Taking, Carrying Away, Decoying or Enticing Away Child Under 14 (MCL 750.350)
- Soliciting, Accosting or Inviting to Commit Prostitution or Immoral Act (MCL 750.448)
- Pandering (MCL 750.455)
- Criminal Sexual Conduct 1st Degree (MCL 750.520b)
- Criminal Sexual Conduct 2nd Degree (MCL 750.520c)
- Criminal Sexual Conduct 3rd Degree (MCL 750.520d)
- Criminal Sexual Conduct 4th Degree (MCL 750.520e)
- Any violation of a state law or local ordinance that by its nature constitutes a sexual offense against an individual who is less than 18 years of age
- Any offense committed by a person who was, at the time of the offense, a sexually delinquent person
- Any offense substantially similar to a listed offense under a law of the United States, a state, or any country or under tribal or military law

Librarians should take note that some of the offenses specified in the list may involve activities between two consenting individuals. Hence, it is clear that not every person that appears on the PSOR database is a sexual predator. Indeed, the people whose names appear on the PSOR list have the same rights and freedoms as everyone else for the most part, subject to any terms of their probation or parole. These freedoms include the right to go to the local public library and use its services.

While it is true that certain laws require teachers and some other types of professionals to take affirmative steps to protect kids, there are no such laws with respect to public libraries or librarians. With respect to duties owed by law in this regard, librarians are not comparable to teachers, social workers, psychiatrists and other professionals who have jobs that may require protective action in some cases.

The library environment can be contrasted with the school environment. Michigan law prohibits convicted sex offenders from carrying on certain activities within a specified distance of schools. Section 2a of the Code of Criminal Procedure (1927 PA 175, MCL 771.2a) bars convicted sex offenders from residing, working or loitering in a school safety zone if they have been convicted of a "listed offense" as defined in section 2 of the Sex Offenders Registration Act (MCL 28.722). Section 2a defines "school property" as:

(e) ...building, facility, structure or real property owned, leased or otherwise controlled by a school, other than a building, facility, structure or real property that is no longer in use on a permanent or continuous basis, to which either of the following applies:

- It is used to impart educational instruction.
- It is for use by students not more than 19 years of age for sports or other recreational activities.

Section 2a defines "school safety zones" as an "area that lies 1,000 feet or less from school property." It is notable that the term "library" or phrase "public library" are not included in section 2a because the omission of these words means public libraries that are not located in public schools are not subject to the prescribed exclusion.

It is possible that a convicted sex offender has been ordered to stay

away from children or places where children congregate as terms of his or her probation or parole. However, it is not up to the library to enforce these types of orders, nor should it serve as a basis for denying someone library service. If someone on probation or parole has violated the terms of his or her probation or parole, it is up to law enforcement officers and the courts to respond.

Based on the above, I would now like to answer the question posed in the title of this article. A sex offender is in the library, what should we do? The answer: Treat him or her like everyone else.

As always, this discussion is furnished as an informational service of the Library of Michigan, an agency of the Michigan Department of History, Arts and Libraries, and is not intended in any way to constitute legal advice. Please feel free to contact Library Law Specialist Lance M. Werner by phone at (517) 373-1299 or via e-mail at wernerl@michigan.gov for further information.

Your Good Ideas

Free Listing and Web Links on Michigan.org Travel Web Site

Don't miss the chance to impact thousands of travelers: Michigan's public libraries are a resource for travelers, are historical buildings with architectural significance and sponsor exhibits and/or events on a regular basis. The Travel Michigan Web site, <http://www.michigan.org>, is brimming with information about Michigan's many tourist properties, events and package promotions. The database has more than 13,000 travel-based properties.

Free listings for all Michigan-based travel industry businesses on the Web site, with direct hyperlinks, are available. Take the opportunity to reach visitors to your area by submitting your public library property information. Go to Add Your Property at http://ref.michigan.org/mem_bin/FormsLogin.asp?travel/profiles/ to take advantage of this opportunity. (Please note: First-time users will need to register before adding their property.) To add any tourism-related library events, go to Submit Your Events, http://ref.michigan.org/mtr/add_events/.

Properties are well indexed on search engines such as Google, so a presence on this site will enhance awareness of your library and its services. All properties must accept the general traveling public and be open to the public (no private and/or membership-only).

For assistance with adding your property, contact Carol Royse, roysec@michigan.org or (517) 373-3848. For assistance with adding an event, contact Trudy Atwood, atwoodt@michigan.org or (517) 373-0302.

HAL Highlights

Fall Fun for the Family at HAL Sites Around the State

Check out some of the fun and educational events planned at the Department of History, Arts and Libraries this fall. For more information, visit www.michigan.gov/hal.

Evening at an 1896 Logging Camp at Hartwick Pines Logging Museum in Grayling

Sept. 20, 7 to 9 p.m.

A lantern tour takes you back to 1896 to meet the residents of a rough-and-tumble logging camp.

Autumn Harvest Festival at the Michigan Iron Industry Museum in Negaunee

Sept. 20 and 21, noon to 4 p.m.

A fun, family-friendly celebration of history!

Michigan Archaeology Day at Colonial Michilimackinac in Mackinaw City

Oct. 4, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Enjoy an archaeology-focused tour or slide-show presentation, and talk to archaeologists about Colonial Michilimackinac's archaeological features.

Fall Fest at Fayette Historic Townsite in Garden

Oct. 4, 12:30 to 5:30 p.m.

A fun-filled pre-Halloween event.

An Evening with the Jeff Haas Quartet, Featuring the Phoenix Ensemble, at the Michigan Historical Museum in Lansing

Oct. 4, 6 to 8:30 p.m.

Music on the patio (weather permitting). Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door, including hors d'oeuvres.

Fort Fright at Colonial Michilimackinac in Mackinaw City

Oct. 10-11, 6:30 to 9 p.m.

Explore Fort Michilimackinac at twilight and experience the legends and lore of the French Canadians who called this Great Lakes outpost home. Story-telling voyageurs, authentic 18th-century autumn treats and a haunted house are part of the experience.

Archaeology Day at the Michigan Historical Museum in Lansing

Oct. 11, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Come visit with professional archaeologists showcasing the results of their digs and underwater explorations, and take part in a variety of fun family activities!

Wreck on the Wabash at the Michigan Historical Museum in Lansing

Oct. 19, 2 p.m.

Learn about one of the worst railway disasters in Michigan history, when dozens of passengers – including a hundred Italian immigrants – died in the flames after the crash.

Haunted History: A Spooky Walk Through Time at the Michigan Historical Museum in Lansing

Oct. 26, 1 to 5 p.m.

Enjoy spooky fun and friendly frights as you trick or treat through the museum. Meet characters from Michigan history, listen to spooky tales, try Halloween games and activities from times past, create a creepy craft and sample traditional treats. Everyone will receive a special Halloween goodie bag! Tickets (\$5 per person, children age 3 and under free) can be purchased in advance or on Oct. 26 at the Museum Store.

Special Sunday Afternoon Music Series at the Michigan Historical Museum in Lansing

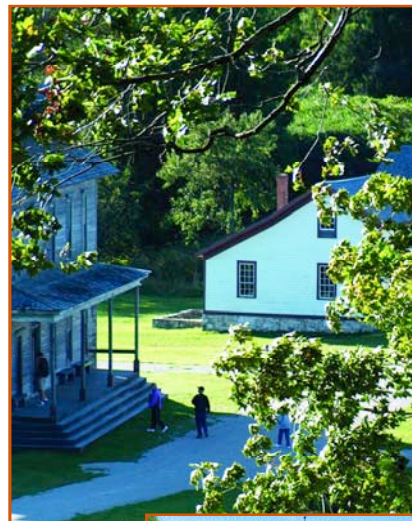
Nov. 2, Dec. 7, Feb. 1, March 1 and April 5, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

A new collaboration between Michigan State University, the Friends of Michigan History and the Michigan Historical Museum. The Nov. 2 performance will feature a woodwind quintet. Join us after each concert to meet performers and have light refreshments.

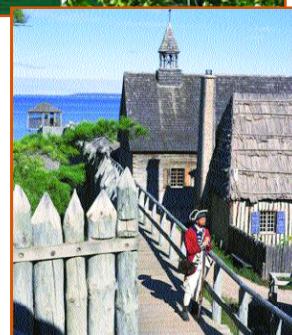
2008 Veterans Tribute at the Michigan Historical Museum in Lansing

Nov. 9, 2 p.m.

Join the Friends of Michigan History as they salute the contributions and sacrifices of American service men and women.



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